

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior listings and versions.

1. (Currently amended) A system for loading and unloading loose cargo in a cargo hold of a plane, comprising:

a conveyor apparatus for transporting the loose cargo between a tarmac level and a cargo hold opening, wherein the conveyor apparatus comprises a transport organ on whose transport side the loose cargo lies during loading and unloading; and

an intermediate conveyor means which rests on the transport side of the conveyor apparatus in the range of a cargo hold-side end thereof and extends into the cargo hold for conveying loose cargo lying on a conveying side of the intermediate conveyor means between the conveyor apparatus and the cargo hold, the intermediate conveyor adapted to be placed on the transport organ;

wherein

the transport organ is deflected, in front of the placed-on intermediate conveyor means when viewed in the direction of loading-conveying, perpendicular to the plane of transport in a direction towards the conveying side of the intermediate conveyor means, so as to guide the loose cargo onto the conveying side of the intermediate conveyor means, wherein the transport organ includes a conveyor belt having a section present on the transport side deflected relative to the remainder of the conveyor belt with the aid of a raising means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The system in accordance with claim [[2]] 1, wherein the raising means is a bow which extends underneath the associated section of the conveyor belt.

4. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the bow is realized to have a curvature in the transverse direction relative to the conveying direction of the conveyor belt, such that a portion of the bow present in a center position at the conveyor belt is spaced farther apart from the intermediate conveyor means than the lateral portions thereof.

5. (Currently amended) The system in accordance with claim [[2]] 1, wherein the raising means is a roller which extends underneath the associated section of the conveyor belt.

6. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 1, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the transport organ with the aid of a roller means.

7. (Currently amended) The system in accordance with claim [[2]] 1, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the conveyor apparatus so as to be displaceable in the conveying direction together with the raising means.

8. (Currently amended) The system in accordance with claim [[2]] 1, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the transport organ with the aid of a roller means.

9. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the transport organ with the aid of a roller means.

10. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 4, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the transport organ with the aid of a roller means.

11. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 5, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the transport organ with the aid of a roller means.

12. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 3, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the conveyor apparatus so as to be displaceable in the conveying direction together with the raising means.

13. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 4, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the conveyor apparatus so as to be displaceable in the conveying direction together with the raising means.

14. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 5, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the conveyor apparatus so as to be displaceable in the conveying direction together with the raising means.

15. (Previously presented) The system in accordance with claim 6, wherein the intermediate conveyor means is placed on the conveyor apparatus so as to be displaceable in the conveying direction together with the raising means.